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Tasmania's GM-free moratorium review

I would like to put a submission into the above as a lifetime residence of Tasmania (72 years)

What a wonderful place we live in and what a wonderful opportunity we have to show the world how looking after the environment and farming and producing beautiful produce supports this state very well. We may appear to be backward in our thinking but in actual fact those that have come here always want to come back and be part of this place Tasmania and what it offers

- **GM Free Status** for businesses, restaurants, all types of crops is a big part of this.

When I was in **Scotland** in **2002** a fellow heard me talking and asked where I was from and I said Australia, Tasmania, and he quickly pointed his index finger at me and said, keep doing what you are doing in Tasmania and **keep it GM free** - you are showing the world that it can be done – he was very strong, explaining their battle there.

So here I am, as a citizen of Tasmania, trying to attempt to keep our state **GM free**, permanently .

We have an obligation for generations to come to keep Tasmania GE Free.

There is a lot said of Round-up ready crops - what about the people who eat the crops. There is a lot written on GE Canola and the farmers who have to try to clean up land and crops and through this **we lose are GE Free status for ever**. !?

In England Farmers can't get insurance on GE Crops as Insurance companies fear a public health disaster and huge payouts in years to come.

To say this has been done for hundreds of years is wrong -

For our precious bee keepers, and our fruit, wine crops etc are dependent on markets who want products from our **GE Free reputation**.

An argument for GE Crops for farming to help feed the world is so wrong. Especially for Tasmania, lets be different as we can, as we are an island. There is enough food in the world, (other factors come into play re this) that is **not the reason for GM to be allowed in Tasmania**

Tasmania's plant scientist research should be tried out somewhere else, in another state that has no way of holding GE free status Why are they doing courses in a State that is **Ge Free** and then wanting to test their product - University's need to look at not doing this course in Tasmania - **this is not a reason to change our GE Free Status.**

If this technology is safe, why is it planted in secret , often the Government not knowing.

We have a moral obligation to the next generation to stand strong and allow the next generation to walk this path **GB free status - it is their right.**

We are an Island and I take you back to the **Man in Scotland back in 2002** - they were fighting the fight and losing and wanting me to tell the politicians in Tasmania to keep fighting this fight, for the rest of the world who are watching, showing how **GE free status** can be obtained.

There is so many legal cases in USA about farmers adjoining a GM crop who can be taken to court and their crops destroyed if it is found they contain GE Seeds blown into their crops

**Please leave Tasmania GE Free
Instead of saying why, say why not.**

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